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## SENATOR ALLARD LAUDS PRESIDENT BUSH'S SELECTION OF DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Wednesday praised President Bush's choice of Dr. Condoleezza Rice to be Secretary of State, replacing outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell, and pledged his support for the President's nominee through the upcoming Senate confirmation process:

"Condoleezza Rice is a seasoned, trusted advisor to the President, a principled leader who has shown time and again that she has the vision and skills to lead the State Department during a time of war and international challenge," Senator Allard said. "Her conviction and clear sightedness will serve the President well."

"I know Dr. Rice will be a forceful advocate for American ideals and interests," the Senator said. "I am confident her strong Colorado roots well serve her well in this important post."